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## Body First School Fitness Challenge packs Anneberg Park



**Mike Stanton**  
assistant news editor

Frank Anneberg Park filled up early Saturday morning for the fifth annual Body First School Fitness Challenge, a kid's fun run held by the Manhattan Cross Country Club. According to race director Pat Melgares, there were 1,117 registered runners. The race

photo courtesy of Philip Kitts  
photography

**Willie the Wildcat** makes an appearance at the Body First School Fitness Challenge Saturday at Frank Anneberg Park.

is the largest all-kid's running event in the state of Kansas.

"[The Body First School Fitness Challenge] is a one day event in which we award \$10,000 to local schools based on their participation," said Melgares, who is also the marketing coordinator for K-State Research and Extension.

According to Melgares, local sponsors, including the Body First Wellness Center, Tindall Orthodontics, the Manhattan Running Company and others, donated the \$10,000, of which "every penny" was given to local schools for their physical education programs.

"We really want [the schools] to use the money to purchase fitness equipment," Melgares said. He noted that 16 schools were eligible to receive prize money for Saturday's race. "In past years, we've seen schools buy kickballs, mats for their gymnastics curriculum, stopwatches, and that leads to more participation among kids."

The K-State Department of Intercollegiate Athletics sent several familiar faces to the race. The equestrian and women's basketball teams

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## K-Stater arrested after deadly May crash

**Karen Sarita Ingram**  
edge editor

The Riley County Police Department arrested Miles Theurer, graduate student in veterinary medicine, on Thursday for charges stemming from a deadly vehicle collision that occurred in May.

Theurer is being charged with two counts of manslaughter, two counts of aggravated battery and one count of driving under the influence. He is currently out of jail on \$50,000 bond while his Riley County court case is pending.

Theurer was involved in a two vehicle collision on K-18 that claimed the lives of two people in the early morning hours of May 18. Theurer, driving a 2003 Chevy Silverado truck, crossed the center line into oncoming traffic in a construction zone on K-18 and struck a 2001 Buick LeSabre head on.

The occupants of the LeSabre, Elizabeth Young of White City, Kan. and Michael Stanley of Ogden, died at the scene. Theurer's blood alcohol level was reported to be .08 at the time, according to his arrest warrant.

Theurer is also being charged with two counts of aggravated battery from injuries sustained to two of the three passengers in his Silverado truck, Lance Schmidt and Andrew Mason.

Another passenger, Joseph Iliff, was not seriously injured.

All three passengers are graduate students in veterinary medicine.

## Wilson lawsuit dismissed by judge

**Mike Stanton**  
assistant news editor

A district court judge dismissed a lawsuit filed by Farmer's State Bank of Westmoreland, Kan., seeking \$3.7 million in loan recovery from Rusty Wilson, owner of Kite's Bar and Grill and Rusty's Last Chance Saloon, according to the Manhattan Mercury.

"It was a mutual agreement between both parties to move on," Wilson said. "We're happy it's over, and we're all moving on."

Wilson expressed excitement about the future of his establishments now that the lawsuit has been dropped.

"Even with [the lawsuit] hanging over my head, [Kite's and Rusty's] were successful," Wilson said. "Now that I can focus on [the businesses] 100 percent, we're going to do some great things."

WILDCATS CLINCH 24-19 VICTORY

# UPSET IN NORMAN

**John Zetmeir**  
staff writer

On Saturday night, K-State was able to make up for last year's 58-17 loss by doing something that they have not done since 2003: they beat the Oklahoma Sooners. The No. 15 Wildcats defeated the No. 6 Sooners 24-19 at Gaylord Family Memorial Stadium in Norman, Okla. Heading into the game, Oklahoma's head coach Bob Stoops was 14-0 in his career against ranked teams at home. This was Bill Snyder's first win at Oklahoma since 1997.

Things did not get off to a great start for the Wildcats, as their first drive stalled at the Oklahoma 36-yard line. The Sooners took the ensuing drive 88 yards to take an early 3-0 lead.

The score remained 3-0 until senior linebacker Justin Tuggle came through with a huge play for the Wildcats. On third and 13, Tuggle was able to sack quarterback Landry Jones at the OU 2-yard line, causing him to fumble. Fellow senior linebacker Jarrell Childs recovered the ball in the end zone for a touchdown.

"I don't know where Justin came from, but he hit him and the ball just fell in my lap, so I scooped it up and scored," Childs said.



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Senior quarterback Collin Klein eludes an Oklahoma defender during the first quarter of Saturday's game at Gaylord Family Memorial Stadium in Norman, Okla. K-State won the game 24-19 and moved to 4-0 on the season.

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## Mr. Gay Kansas Strip-Off raises funds for HIV/AIDS services

**Jakki Thompson**  
staff writer

The audience cheered as contestant number two, referred to only as "Jay," took the stage at Xcalibur Club in Junction City Saturday night. Men and women alike yelled, cheered and gasped at the sight of Jay performing. Jay won the 11th Annual Mr. Gay Kansas Strip-Off.

"I had come out last year to this event," said Cole Burns, senior in theatre. "I really enjoyed it this year, especially with the guy with the 'Pisces' tattoo on his back [Jay]. There were a lot more guys who were cut this year, rather than just skinny."

The strip-off was used as a means to raise funds for the Junction City Teddy Bears' emergency fund. By the end of the night, the strip-off had helped raise more than \$279. This money will be used to help pay for emergency testing and also to help those who are living with HIV/AIDS and have exhausted all other avenues of paying expenses.

"People living with HIV/AIDS sometimes have expenses other people may not have," said Kevin Stilley, secretary-treasurer of the Teddy Bears. "We have paid

for things like electrical bills or gas bills or water bills. Last year, we helped someone purchase a window air conditioner unit because they were burning up and they couldn't afford one."

This emergency fund helps people living in Riley, Geary, Pottawatomie, Washington, Marshall and Clay counties. According to Stilley, the fundraiser could not have come at a more appropriate time, as the Teddy Bears helped out two clients last week, leaving the group essentially broke.

"The [Teddy Bears] have been raising funds for years for HIV/AIDS services," said Mark Beatty, owner and general manager of Xcalibur Club. "This was just one of the events they host. There will also be the Red Ribbon Revue on World AIDS Day, which is Dec. 1, as well as another event closer to Christmas time that is used as a toy drive for families in the area."

The event also featured free HIV/AIDS testing in a donated camper in the parking lot from 9-11 p.m. Two women were brought in from the county health department to test community members. The tests took only took about five minutes, requiring patients to fill out basic paperwork and

have a vial of blood drawn.

"The HIV test went really good," said Andrew Craig, Junction City resident. "I didn't feel the test happening at all. I only felt the needle when it was coming out, but that didn't even hurt that bad. I was tested because it's better to be safe than sorry."

Craig said he had originally come out to the event to support some of his friends who were participating, as well as some of the performers. TyWoo, the host for the evening, said this was her first year hosting the event, but that she had hosted other events at Xcalibur Club in the past.

"I hoped all of the music and outfits went well," TyWoo said. "I wanted to make sure I kept things moving at a good pace. I wanted to make sure people weren't bored and attention spans of people were

Jakki Thompson | Collegian

**Kevin Stilley**, far right, secretary-treasurer of the Junction City Teddy Bears, dresses as Condom Man and talks about his own experiences being HIV-positive and advocates practicing safe sex by handing out condoms at the 2012 Mr. Gay Kansas Strip-Off at Xcalibur Club Saturday.

being met. I feel out the audience — I feel the rapport of the audience, even when I am singing."

TyWoo said she hoped everyone had a fun time and that a decent amount of money was raised for the Teddy Bears.

"I hope that I was able to get into the hearts of the audience members [Saturday night] and into the hearts of their wallets," TyWoo said.

A concluding part of the show was when Stilley appeared onstage as Condom Man. He said this persona only comes out once a year, specifically at this event. Stilley tells his story of how he has been living with HIV/AIDS for more

than 27 years.

"I first started Condom Man back in 2004," Stilley said. "I had wanted to enter the competition, but I was 47 years old, and there is no way I was going to compete with college boys. So I created Condom Man. He talks about HIV and advocates safe sex and hands out condoms."

At the conclusion of the event, TyWoo and Stilley gave their thanks to all who had come out and ended with a few final words.

"This event was all about spreading awareness and raising money for people who need it," Stilley said. "And I hope we were able to achieve that tonight."

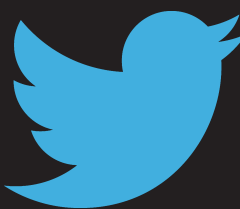


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## THE BLOTTER

### ARREST REPORTS

Thursday, Sept. 20

was set at \$15,000.

**Kerry Wayne Dupree**, of Ogden, was booked for domestic battery. Bond was set at \$500.

**Robert Lee Black**, of Chapman, Kan., was booked for felony theft, violation of protection orders, criminal restraint, criminal trespassing and driving with a canceled, suspended or revoked license. No bond was listed.

**Miles Eugene Theurer**, of the 800 block of Thurston Street, was booked for driving under the influence, involuntary manslaughter while driving under the influence and aggravated battery. Bond was set at \$50,000.

**Devon** **William Davis**, of the 500 block of Bertrand Street, was booked for sale or purchase of drugs through a commercial facility, five counts of sale or distribution of stimulants, no Kansas drug tax stamp and possession of paraphernalia to grow or distribute marijuana. Bond

**Timothy Pierre Hill**, of the 600 block of North Fifth Street, was booked for two counts of sale, distribution or cultivation of controlled substances within 1000 feet of a school; three counts of sale or purchase of drugs through a commercial facility; four counts of sale or distribution of stimulants; sale, distribution or cultivation of stimu-

**Mercedez Palmer**, of the 400 block of Juliette Avenue, was booked for aggravated robbery. No bond was listed.

**Joseph Leo Solis**, of National City, Calif., was booked

lants or opiates, opium or narcotic drugs; no Kansas drug tax stamp; and possession of drug paraphernalia. Bond was set at \$20,000.

for soliciting without a permit. Bond was set at \$229.

**Nicholas James McCullough**, of West Hamstead, N.Y., was booked for soliciting without a permit. Bond was set at \$229.

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# Wildcats make huge statement in Norman



Corbin McGuire

The K-State football team, week by week, continues to defy expectations and prove what they are capable of. The latest proof is a victory over the Oklahoma Sooners in Norman, Okla., in front of more than 80,000 Sooner fans.

The win catapulted the Wildcats to No. 7 in the AP poll, their highest ranking since 2003 when they were ranked No. 6.

Going into the game, the Sooners were the favorites to win, some estimating a victory by more than two touchdowns. The Wildcats are used to being the underdogs, however. They may even prefer it.

"We are one of those teams that can be in the top five easily," said John Hubert, who racked up 130 rushing yards against the Sooners, "but we like to be underdogs. It gives us confidence to go out and play hard."

This team has answered every major critique put on them all season.

Many questioned whether the Wildcats could blow out an inferior opponent to start the season. The answer was clear after about two and a half quarters in route to a 42-point Wildcat victory over Missouri State.

Some questioned whether the Wildcats defense was capable of putting pressure on the quarterback. Adam Davis and three other Wildcats answered with five sacks against the Miami Hurricanes.

Then questions began to arise about whether the defense could shut down a premiere offense. Landry Jones and the rest of the Sooner offense discovered the answer the hard way.

The Wildcats forced the Sooners into three turnovers, one resulting in the Wildcats' first defensive touchdown of the season.

"Where we have had some trouble in previous games, we were really good, against a very quality football team in the red zone," said head coach Bill Snyder after the game. "Defensively, our defense, I think, created the turnovers that took place by and large."

Despite their continual ability to surprise the college football nation, this team knew they were capable of answering every question that came their way.

"No, I don't think so," said Collin Klein on being surprised about the win. "Coach Snyder says to have no limitations and play to the best of our ability. We have to do what we need to do in order to be ready for a battle, and when the time comes we have to go battle. We believe that together, we're able to get it done."

Only four games into the season, however, the Wildcats still have a lot to prove if they want to accomplish their goals of winning a Big 12 Championship and going to a BCS bowl, including tough road games against West Virginia, Iowa State and TCU.

The good news for the Wildcats is that they have an off week to let the win over the Sooners soak in and to refocus.

A letdown in the next game is not likely for the Wildcats who have two weeks to prepare for the first home game against rival KU Jayhawks since 2009.

"We just want to rest and keep getting better," Hubert said. "We just take it one game at a time."

One aspect of this team that has not been questioned, and for good reason, is Snyder's ability to work his coaching magic at the age of 72. Snyder's coaching style has not aged a bit, however, and it showed in his vanilla excitement after beating the Sooners.

"All wins are important, every coach will tell you and every player will probably tell you the same thing," Snyder said. "They're hard to come by no matter who you have to play."

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# FBALL | Team jumps from No. 15 to No. 7 in AP poll



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The Sooners took the ensuing drive all the way down to the 1-yard line before Blake Bell took over for Jones. However, Bell fumbled the snap, and junior defensive back Ty Zimmerman pounced on it to give the Wildcats the ball.

The teams traded field goals to end the half, and the Wildcats entered the half up, with a score of 10-6.

Oklahoma scored first in the second half. Despite his fumble in the second quarter, Bell was called back into the game and this time delivered for the Sooners by scoring a 3-yard touchdown run, capping off an 88-yard drive. Oklahoma took the 13-10 lead into the fourth quarter.

The Wildcats scored their first offensive touchdown of the game to start the fourth quarter, when Klein ran the ball in from five yards



out to put K-State up 17-13 in his only touchdown of the day. Oklahoma was forced to punt on their next possession.

Klein finished 13-of-21 passing with 149 yards, adding 179 rushing yards and one touchdown.

"We knew it would be a battle, and it was exactly that," Klein said. "We credit everyone for hanging together."

Big catches from junior wide receiver Tramaine Thompson and senior tight end Travis Tannahill

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TOP: Junior running back John Hubert, uses a stiff-arm on junior defensive back Tony Jefferson to gain more yards. Hubert led the Wildcats with 130 rushing yards and a touchdown on Saturday at Gaylord Family Memorial Stadium.

BOTTOM: Senior linebacker Justin Tuggle, forces a fumble after a sack on Oklahoma's senior quarterback Landry Jones. Senior linebacker Jarrell Childs picked up the ball and scored a touchdown, giving the Wildcats an early four-point lead.

helped lead K-State down to Oklahoma's 9-yard line. Junior running back John Hubert was then able to break through the pile of linemen to score a touchdown, completing the 77-yard drive. K-State took a 24-13 lead with 7:27 left in the game.

"Their defense didn't wrap up, and I just came out with a touchdown," Hubert said.

Hubert came up big for the Wildcats Saturday night. Hubert's total of 130 yards was the third most that he has had in game during his time at K-State.

Jones was able to hit freshman wide receiver Sterling Shepard on a 10-yard touchdown pass to pull the Oklahoma within five points on the Sooners' next possession. Oklahoma elected to go for the two-point conversion, however they failed to convert. K-State held a 24-19 lead.

K-State would get the ball back with 4:09 left in the game, and, after converting on third down twice, they were able to kill the clock and finalize the upset.

"Start off by complimenting Kansas State," Stoops said, "congratulating them on a well-played football game. The guys really, which they have been doing and everyone knows, played hard, played well."

With the win, K-State moved up to No. 7 in the AP Top 25 poll and No. 8 in the USA Today poll. Because of a bye week, the Wildcats will not be back in action until Oct. 6 when they take on the University of Kansas at Bill Snyder Family Stadium.

"We won't celebrate too long," said senior wide receiver Chris Harper. "We've got KU. That's a big game. We're going to be juiced for that one too."

## FOOTBALL

## Grading the football game: Oklahoma



Adam Suderman

### OFFENSE: A

Facing a defense that has had its fair share of struggles up to this point in the season, the Wildcats were able to exploit a questionable Sooner rush defense for 214 yards. The pattern began right from the start when quarterback Collin Klein and running back John Hubert found good holes on K-State's opening drive.

Although K-State punted several times throughout the game, the Wildcats never allowed Oklahoma to establish strong field position offensively. A compelling effort by Klein and company in establishing their offense gave Oklahoma fits in the battle for field position.

Holding a 24-19 lead with less than five minutes left in the game, K-State's offense faced its biggest drive of the season by far, and the Wildcats stood tall. The leadership and experience of the unit played major dividends.

"It was just one of those things where we were finally able to move the ball in the fourth quarter," Klein

said. "We knew we had to get it. We credit our offensive line for giving us the ability to let us to do what we had to do. We were able to execute when we had to execute."

### DEFENSE: A+

The question that all fans, media and players faced throughout the weekly progression heading into Saturday's game was, "Can the K-State defense put pressure on Oklahoma senior quarterback Landry Jones?"

Jones had his moments of setting his feet in the pocket, but a forced fumble which led to a touchdown and a key interception from junior safety Ty Zimmerman has left most Oklahoma media and fans with questions that will plague the Sooners for much of their season.

"It's definitely frustrating," Jones said. "We have a lot of good players on this offensive team. A lot of good running backs, a lot of good offensive linemen, receivers. We have a lot of skill. It seemed like we couldn't put it together. We played really dumb football, me especially."

Can K-State continue to hold onto this momentum? Only time will tell, but for now the Wildcats have established themselves as a team that deserves attention as a conference contender as well as on the national stage.

### SPECIAL TEAMS: A+

Finding an MVP in the Wildcats' victory might be difficult, but senior punter Ryan Doerr absolutely deserves consideration. Doerr's ability to pin Oklahoma deep within its own territory was enormous. Oklahoma had minimal opportunities to establish itself offensively and found themselves 70 yards or more from the end zone throughout most of the game.

A common characteristic among head coach Bill Snyder's teams has been the play of this unit and the current group has yet to disappoint this season. Senior kicker Anthony Cantele made his lone field goal and converted on all PATs. This group's play will be a determining factor in where the Wildcats find themselves later in the season.

### QUOTE OF THE NIGHT:

"It wasn't very difficult. I think we showed that at the beginning of the game. In the fourth quarter, they just executed on third downs. I think they were seven-for-seven in the fourth quarter and you can't win that way." – Oklahoma junior defensive back Tony Jefferson on stopping K-State's rushing attack

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## VOLLEYBALL

## K-State boosts record to 13-1

Kaitlyn Spani  
staff writer

The K-State volleyball team came back from a loss to the University of Oklahoma on Wednesday night by beating the University of Nebraska-Omaha Saturday.

The No. 11 Wildcats beat the Mavericks in three sets of 25-14, 25-15 and 25-21. Junior middle blocker Kaitlynn Pelger had 10 kills while junior outside hitter Lilla Porubek had 11 kills. The Wildcats utilized their bench by rotating new players into the game often.

"We were able to get a lot of folks in and out of the match," said head coach Suzie Fritz. "We do that because they earn opportunities."

K-State improved their overall serving with six aces against the Mavericks and only four serve errors throughout all three sets. Serving was a major issue for the Wildcats against OU as they had five serve errors to only three aces.

Senior setter Caitlyn Donahue was glad to see her team put the loss to the Sooners in the past.

"It was really important to come back and focus on exactly what we wanted to get done," Donahue said. "We did set goals before Oklahoma, like we usually do, but we just didn't execute them to the best of our abilities, so it was really important for us to come back and rebound."

The Wildcats will be up against new Big 12 Conference addition West Virginia on Thursday at 7 p.m. at Ahearn Field House.

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# Ingestion of aspartame acceptable in moderation



David Embers

Aspartame is like the savvy criminal who develops multiple aliases to keep law enforcement officials in the dark, or a person with multiple personality disorder who seemingly changes faces with the snap of a finger. aspartame goes by the brand names NutraSweet, Equal, Spoonful and many more. But what is it exactly? It sounds like some French dessert I can't afford — something you would pair with a glass of vintage Dom Pérignon.

In fact, it is quite the opposite. Aspartame is the most common artificial sweetener used in the world today. Many foods, diet sodas and zero calorie waters all use this "wonder substance" as a tasty, low calorie alternative to sugar. Aspartame is proven to be more than two hundred times as sweet as natural sugar, making it easy to achieve equal taste with less substance.

Even with its widespread use, aspartame is considered by some to be harmful, and, alarmingly, poisonous. A Google search of "aspartame" provides thousands of testimonials from doctors, scientists and patients claiming negative side effects. And yet, it is the most extensively studied additive in history and has been approved and re-approved by the Food and Drug Administration multiple times.

So who's right? Quite simply, it is impossible to tell at this point. The truth lies somewhere in the middle — in the gray area.

Proponents of aspartame have the biggest gun in this fight. Being the patriotic American I am, I like to believe that the FDA is the final word on scientific issues around the world. Anytime you throw the word "federal" in front of something, it just sounds more commanding. After more than 50 years, and hundreds of tests and investigations, the FDA continues to come to the same conclusion: Aspartame is safe for human consumption and has no link to any severe side effects.

Supporters also reference positive/neutral assessments from panels all over the world, including the European Union, just to debunk any conspiracy theories. Advocates say the argument

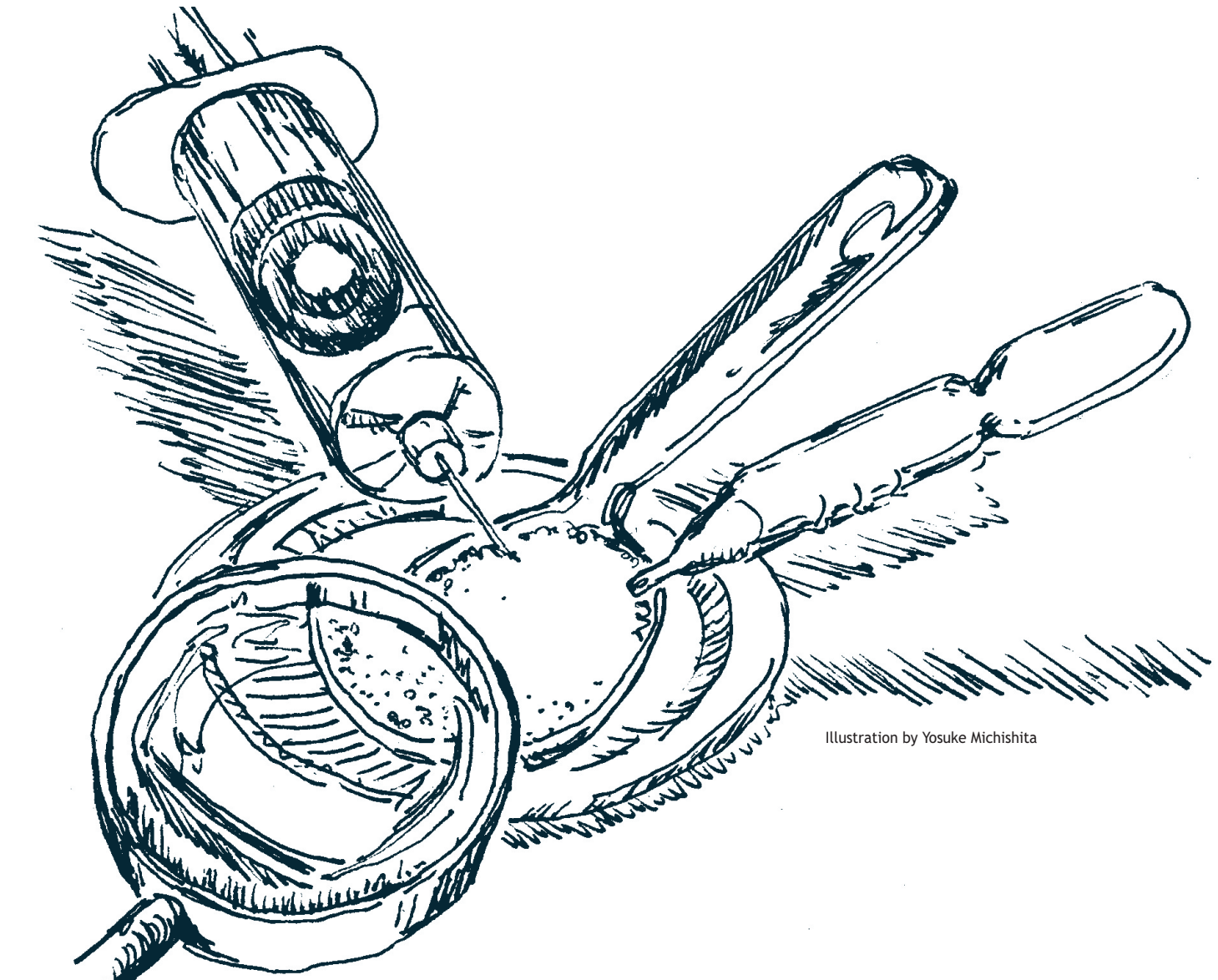


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is simple. The highest scientific powers in the world all declare aspartame safe for humans, thus the unanimous approval for its use in food and drink products.

A controversial test done at Duke University used 40 participants that had previously complained of headaches caused directly by the intake of aspartame. Scientists controlled diet and activity, isolating aspartame as the only significant variable. This experiment had participants consume levels of aspartame well above normal human intake, labeling the consumption "abuse dosages." The results highlighted both the short-term (24 hours) and long-term (six months) effects of ingestion or lack thereof. Aspartame was not associated with any increase in headaches, or any other major side effects.

Keep in mind, however, that this wouldn't be a controversy if

aspartame critics didn't have substantial ammunition. While their arguments lack the clout and authority of a federal organization, they do provide a convincing debate. Critics argue that actual human users of aspartame, as opposed to lab rats, do experience adverse side effects. They point to a list of more than 90 documented symptoms including migraines, insomnia and seizures. Even more disturbing is the supposed link to chronic illnesses. Some researchers claim that aspartame ingestion triggers or worsens conditions such as brain tumors, birth defects, diabetes and many others.

Aspartame is composed mainly of aspartic acid, a type of amino acid. If taken independently, aspartic acid produces "excitotoxins" that can lead to neural cell death. However, aspartame combines aspartic acid

with various other proteins and chemicals, ensuring the digestion process occurs differently, preventing a sizable influx of aspartic acid.

Another important aspect of aspartame is its significant discrepancy in calories compared to natural sugar. Obesity is a widespread epidemic in America and something that can be life threatening if not addressed. Aspartame provides the best of both worlds, it allows food and drinks to be tasty, but still low calorie. This was previously unattainable with natural sugar.

So who is right? Who is wrong? Regrettably, I cannot provide a definitive answer. The question is multi-layered and complex, and I'm still debating on the "rabbit ears" or the "loop-swoop-and-pull" methods when tying my shoes. My best assessment tells me that Americans need to find

a happy medium. If you continually ingest large, or abusive, amounts of aspartame, you should consider backing off.

While losing weight or staying fit are definitely admirable goals, other options exist. If losing weight is your main concern, you should consider drinking more water, and ramping up your exercise regime. On the flip side, you shouldn't be obsessing over the contents on nutrition labels, frantically punting any food or drink with aspartame across the supermarket. It seems like the dull, uninformative answer, but is probably the most accurate. As is the case with seemingly everything in life, you should enjoy aspartame responsibly, but never abuse the privilege.

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## Voluntary chemical castration could slice the cost of rehabilitation



Nicolas Wahl

Castration. It's a cringe-worthy word that invokes, at least among men, an almost sickening feeling of pain and disgust. I should know — I am one, and you should have seen the face I made just typing out that last sentence.

It's also the topic of an international debate over how to more effectively punish and rehabilitate sex offenders, specifically those that are convicted of crimes against children. To be fair, the recent conversations regard the practice of chemical castration and not physical castration, which seems a bit easier and less controversial to talk about.

The process of chemical castration can be accomplished in a variety of ways, but the end result is usually similar. Once medication has been administered, either orally or in shot form, a male subject basically loses all sex drive and is also physically unable to perform sexual acts.

So it isn't as if countries (well, except for Moldova and a few other places) are prepared to go around chopping off guys' twig and berries. That isn't to say that I would have a problem with convicted child rapists having their johnsons sliced off with a filet knife. But once you start hacking

off wieners, eventually an innocent man somewhere is going to end up as a eunuch, and that is something we should probably try to avoid.

One positive factor for chemical castration, especially when chosen as a form of punishment by convicted sex offenders, is the high cost of housing a prisoner for a year.

According to the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel, it costs \$44,000 to house a general population inmate in the New Jersey prison system. The cost of a year's supply of the testosterone-lowering drug Depo-Lupron? A little over \$9,000 a year. Financially, this method seems to make sense, and if the goal of our prison system is supposedly rehabilitation rather than retribution, chemical castration definitely has the upper hand over an offender getting assaulted by other inmates.

Chemical castration is not just some phenomenon that we are seeing in developing nations, nine U.S. states have some form of chemical castration written into their laws, though it is unclear how often chemical castration is administered in the U.S.

There have been documented cases though, as in the case of "Jimmy," a 31-year-old man convicted on multiple counts of exposing himself to women in cars. In an interview with The Daily Beast, he said that even though he believes the Depo-Lupron doses have had some negative side effects on his health, he welcomes the drug and would

like to continue taking it. As to how long Jimmy will continue his doses, Jimmy simply stated, "Until I feel I can come off it safely." Jimmy, a resident of Maryland, has been taking the medication voluntarily in accordance with a local rehabilitation program that aims to help convicted sex offenders live productive lives.

Still, cases like Jimmy's raise concern over the possibility of the forcible administration of such drugs. I believe that while this method remains voluntary, it is a valid, effective procedure; however, we run into some real problems when we start talking about the possibility of forced procedures.

If we force convicts to take these drugs only to have evidence surface later that acquits them of their crimes, we are walking on eggshells. I also feel that chemical castration for flashing might be a little harsh, but of course, I don't know the rest of Jimmy's background.

So, in a nutshell, a voluntary chemical castration program could do a lot of good, both economically and in terms of rehabilitation, but we should probably be wary of forcing people to take some sort of anti-viagra unless we are 100 percent sure that they have committed a serious sex offense.

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### LETTER TO THE EDITOR

## Rape apologies insensitive, dangerous

To the editor:

Jakki Thompson's essay, "Women need to rethink how they dress: 'if you don't respect yourself, neither will others'" hit a chord with me that I have not been able to ignore. Not only was her article offensive, but the ideas she expressed are dangerous. I would appreciate the opportunity to explain why I believe this to be true.

My rapist does not understand that that is what he is. In his mind, he deserved unrestricted access to my body and I deserved the indignity and life-shattering consequences I have faced every day since. It would be easy to say that he is merely delusional, but such statements are a disservice to everyone. He did not come up with those notions on his own. He learned them. Society taught him that his behavior is acceptable, justified.

The culture, politics, media and religion that thrive in our patriarchal society tell us — sometimes overtly, but most often subtly — that men are entitled to sex and that if his partner consented once, or merely suggested her consent, it is his right to demand any actions that will lead to his "needs" being satisfied. It also teaches that if a woman should be so unlucky as to have her consent stolen violently away, she must have asked for it.

Because we were "dating" and because I had agreed to one initial encounter, he saw it as within his right to demand I submit to his will. Because I favor v-neck tee shirts and allowed him to buy me dinner, I'd asked for it; I'd forfeited my right to demand respect or, as my close friend once put it, my own "pussy sovereignty."

Coercion led to outright

demands, and demands turned into taking with no pretense of consent. Out of fear for my safety and that of my loved ones, I played along until I was able to devise a fool-proof escape plan. And I was lucky because it worked. It has been four years since I began to regain control over my own life, but I will never stop appreciating the fact that I am one of the lucky ones. Nor will I sit by, silent, as I see those around me perpetuate these myths.

Sexual and domestic violence occur across all backgrounds. No one is exempt; no one is "safe." To illustrate this fact, one need look no further than statistics. The most commonly cited statistic is that one in four women experience some sort of sexual violence in their lifetime. Considering that about 54 percent of sexual assaults go unreported, that percentage is actually much higher.

It is important that members of our community understand this, because college-aged women are four times more likely to experience sexual assault than any other age group. Since 75 percent of rapists are known to the victim, that means that not only are a large percentage of the women you see on campus victims of sexual violence but also that many of your male classmates perpetrate that violence.

When we dismiss a comedian's comments as "just a joke," contribute to the campaigns of politicians who believe in a ridiculously narrow definition of sexual abuse or support publications that promote the notion that a woman disrespects herself by dressing how she pleases and therefore does not deserve the respect of others, we are allowing this ideology of violence to

continue unchallenged.

We are sending a message that victims of sexualized violence are second-class citizens with a different set of rights. Often, these sorts of statements force the women and men who have survived that violence to suffer in silence all over again. But worst of all, we are validating the actions of rapists and abusers. If my "ex-boyfriend" read the editorial in The Collegian Wednesday, I have no doubt he would have found validation for his actions. He would have felt justified.

This is why it is important that we take steps to challenge those who perpetuate these myths as well as educate others so that we can prevent such insensitive and factually inaccurate attitudes from spreading. Part of my recovery led me to work with victims of abuse in Riley County, which has helped me to find my voice in demanding these changes.

Please join with me in advocating for everyone affected by these crimes by speaking up the next time you see or hear someone express their belief that a woman's choices mean that she "deserves" to be abused or raped, or that only violent stranger rape is "legitimate." Furthermore, as a representative voice of the Kansas State community, The Collegian has an obligation to take part in this protest. Please do not continue to publish articles and editorials that promote these dangerous and outdated ideas about a matter that negatively affects such a large portion of the student body.

Amelia Engel  
senior, women's studies

(Statistics in this letter were provided by the Rape, Abuse, and Incest National Network.)

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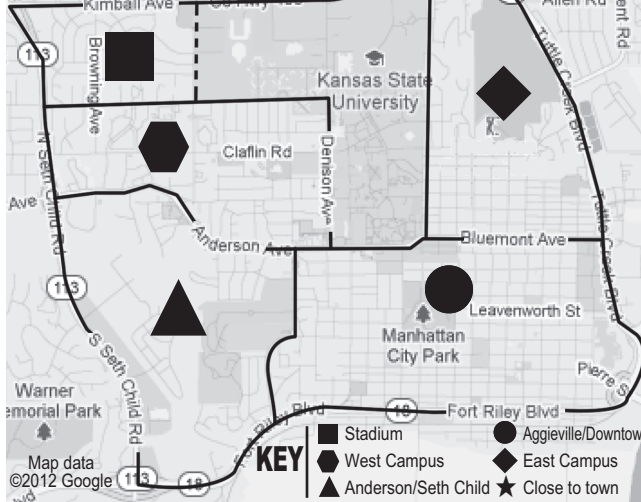
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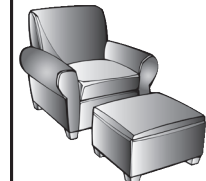
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# Hybrid of radio drama, comic books entertains in McCain Auditorium

**Brian Hampel**  
staff writer

During the intermission of “The Intergalactic Nemesis,” many audience members echoed the same compliment of the show: It was very, very unique.

“It’s not like any show we’ve ever seen before,” said Kevin Gwinner, Manhattan resident.

The best description of “The Intergalactic Nemesis” held Friday night at McCain Auditorium, would be that it is a hybrid of comic books and radio drama. Five live performers — three voice actors, a Foley artist and a pianist — acted out an alien invasion story in the orchestra pit while comic-style panels of colorful hand-drawn artwork were projected on a huge screen above them.

As the name suggests, “The Intergalactic Nemesis” is inspired by the science fiction and space operas of the 1950s.

“The 50s sci-fi theme really made the show,” said Benjamin Ketter, junior in biology.

The plot follows a journalist, a librarian and a third-wheel sidekick as they fend off an

alien invasion from a gooeey reptilian menace. Other sci-fi hallmarks like robots, mind control and time travel pop up throughout the narrative.

Ketter’s group of friends noted that the show was more of an homage to 50s sci-fi than a parody of it, naming its aliens “Zygonians” and the villainous hypnotist “Mysterion the Magnificent.”

Of the live performers, there didn’t seem to be a clear favorite among the audience. For example, Kate Haddock, sophomore in English, and her sister Molly, senior in hotel and restaurant management, named the solo pianist at stage left as their favorite performer.

Though they were initially drawn to the show because they were, in their own words, “super nerdy and into comics,” the two found themselves following the pianist’s fast-paced background music as enthusiastically as the space opera itself.

When asked for his favorite part of the show, Alex Hughes, junior in music education, immediately answered, “The Foley artist was amazing.”

She spent most of the show behind a table loaded with sound effects equipment and microphones. The practical effects included shoes to provide footsteps, a toy cement truck for robot noises, a whistle and a maraca for a train, and the artist’s own voice for howling wolves and many other sounds.

Some audience members favored the voice actors. Each of the three actors, standing in front of retro-looking microphones, had to voice multiple characters throughout the show, including the aliens and robots.

Many people singled out the energetic Christopher Lee Gibson as their favorite of the actors. Gibson performed dozens of roles by himself, each with a distinct voice.

“He jumps from one voice to another voice to another voice, and sometimes he ends up doing a whole conversation by himself,” Gwinner said.

Regardless of their favorite performer, the entire audience responded to the show. Even college students decades too young to remember the radio dramas and science fiction



Danu Uribe and Christopher Lee Gibson voice the characters of Friday’s showing of ‘The Intergalactic Nemesis’ in McCain Auditorium.

comics that inspired “The Intergalactic Nemesis” were as engrossed as the older crowd.

Audience members laughed at the jokes (and sometimes at the sheer creativity of the sound effects) and leaned forward in their seats during the tension-laden climaxes of each act.

The audience fell silent when the time-traveling character shared his tragic backstory.

Like many successful sci-fi works, “The Intergalactic Nemesis” has a sequel. Friday’s presentation was “Book One: Target Earth,” but there is also “Book Two: Robot Planet Rising” which has its own tour. The performers mentioned the possibility of bringing it to McCain in the near future.

## CASA Comedy Club raises money for children in need

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Applause and excitement filled the Wareham Opera House Friday as three comedians helped raise funds for Sun-flower CASA, or Court Appointed Special Advocates.

The CASA Comedy Club hosted their first event featuring Ken Rogerson, Brian Kiley and Frank Santorelli. There were two shows: the dinner show at 6 p.m. and the late show at 10 p.m. The dinner show was catered by Wahoo Fire and Ice Grill.

All ticket sales went toward assisting CASA in its future endeavors.

The dinner show consisted of 13 tables, each sponsored by a donor. Each table raised \$1,000, which is the amount CASA needs to advocate for one child for a year. At the late show, each table donated \$500. Balcony seats were available for purchase at the beginning of each show.

Jayne Morris-Hardeman, executive director of CASA, was delighted by the attendance of the event.

“I was pleased with the attendance for the first show,” Morris-Hardeman said. “We didn’t know how it would turn out since it’s the first year.”

CASA has held similar fundraisers in Manhattan in the past, most of which were outdoors. This year they decided that an indoor event would be unique.

“We wanted something different that would draw a crowd,” said Bridget Howland, resource development director of CASA. “It was very enjoyable.”

Steve Williams, member of the board of directors, was both excited and nervous for the launch of a new event.

“There’s always anxiety about if something like this will work,” Williams said. “In the end, it all came together.”

CASA is a nationally recognized non-profit organization that helps abused and neglected children in the court system by pairing them with an advocate. Advocates are volunteers who are at least 21 years old and complete extensive training with CASA.

The agency also works to prevent child neglect through awareness campaigns and prevention programs within communities.

According to CASA’s website, “CASA volunteers speak up for and plead the case of the child for whom they are appointed.”

The judge appoints a CASA volunteer to a specific case to gather information and serve as an objective observer. During the court case, the advocate is expected to meet with the assigned child on a weekly basis.

CASA’s overall mission is to provide a safe and caring home where abused and neglected children within the court system, who have an open Child In Need of Care case, can be set up to succeed.

## Flint Hills Family Day draws crowd

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Hundreds of people flocked to the Flint Hills Discovery Center on Saturday, as they hosted their first Family Day. The free event was filled with activities that began at 10 a.m.

“We are expecting around five hundred people,” said Melissa Kirkwood, development officer for the Discovery Center. “The weather is very nice so we could see many more attend.”

Visitors were able to see the center’s newest temporary exhibit, “Forces,” which is about the shaping of Manhattan, Fort Riley and K-State. Families could also participate in several all-day activities including rock science quilting demonstrations, live prairie animals, family photography and a scavenger hunt in which contestants could win prizes.

“Families began coming in right at 10 a.m.,” said Judy Lundberg, volunteer at the Discovery Center. “Usually, when I volunteer the traffic is steady. Today being family day is a great way to promote the new beautiful facility.”

It wasn’t just parents and their young children that came to check out “Forces.”

“My dad told me about this event, and I decided to come,” said Kaitlyn Slips, 15, of Manhattan. “I have wanted to come see the exhibit and thought this would be the perfect opportunity.”

The event provided something new for residents of the Manhattan area.

“This family-friendly event is because of a staff effort,” Kirkwood said. She said she was very excited to interact with community members, play old-fashioned games and see community members in costume.

The Discovery Center was able to host Family Day with the support of sponsors.

“We could not have done this without our sponsors,” Kirkwood said, noting that the center owed a big thanks to the Kansas Farm Bureau and the Kansas Farm Bureau Financial Services for making the event possible.

On Sept. 29, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Konza Prairie will host their bi-annual open house, and a booth was set up in the Discovery Center to promote it. This free event will have bison loop rides, hay rides around research areas and much more.

## RACE | Kynard appears at event

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volunteered at the event, and Willie the Wildcat led several early races before leaving for Norman, Okla. to support the K-State football team.

Erik Kynard Jr., K-State’s NCAA champion and Olympic silver medalist in the high jump and junior in entrepreneurship, was at the finish line congratulating runners, signing autographs and posing for pictures.

“They’ve had me doing a little bit of everything,” Kynard said.

He said that the race was the first public event in Manhattan that he had appeared for since winning his medal in London this summer. According to Kynard, it is “more enjoyable” to interact with young kids that don’t understand exactly what he accomplished at the

Olympics.

“They’re just here to have fun,” Kynard said, laughing as a young runner approached the 6-foot-4-inch high jumper asking if he played basketball for K-State. “It’s great seeing them run around and have a good time.”

The event began with kids in second grade and under running quarter-mile and half-mile races. According to Mel-gares, over half of the registered racers were in this demographic. Third through fifth graders could run a half-mile or a full mile race, and sixth through eighth graders could run one or two miles.

“[The Fitness Challenge] went really well,” said Andrew Bellinder, senior in computer science, who is one of the head coaches of the Manhattan Cross Country Club. “It’s really cool that we can get all these kids to come out and run.”

## ‘Run Against Slavery’ raises awareness of human trafficking

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The KSU Freedom Alliance hosted a run/walk called the “Run Against Slavery” Saturday morning at City Park to raise awareness of the issue of human trafficking. The event helped raise funds for The Homestead and Exodus Cry, a non-profit organization that combats human trafficking.

“I did some research before running in the race and found that human trafficking is a bigger problem than what I ever thought,” said Zach Kolich, senior in criminology. “It was great to be a part of something that could help save so many lives and help others be more aware.”

Events like Run Against Slavery attempt to educate people on the issue of human trafficking, including the fact that it is something that occurs close to home, not just in other countries.

“I really enjoyed being a part of this experience and learning more about what is really going on in this industry and how it works,”

said Maile Widman, sophomore in journalism and mass communications and digital media.

According to the U.S. Department of Justice, human trafficking is “the recruitment, harboring, transportation, provision or obtaining of a person for labor or other services through the use of force, fraud or coercion.” They report that in 2010 there were an estimated 12.3 million individuals involved in some sort of forced or bonded labor around the world.

“It’s definitely for a good cause,” said Emily Ellenberger, sophomore in agribusiness. “The packet we got before the race had numbers on it that showed it’s one of the most growing crimes in the United States. I was shocked at how prevalent it was. It showed the average age a girl enters trafficking was 13 years old.”

The slogan of the race is “no one should ever be bought or sold,” indicating the need for an end to human trafficking through various methods of prevention.

“I used to think it was just made up on movies or just happened in other countries, but now I realize that it happens everywhere — even in Kansas,” Widman said.

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